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STRUCTURE FOR  
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PHOTODIODE MODULE AND  
AN OPTICAL CONNECTOR  
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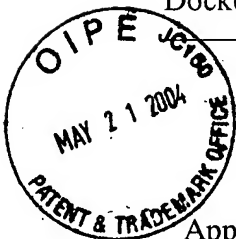
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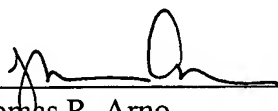
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